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SUBJECT: BITSIOS CONCLUDES CAIRO/BEIRUT VISITS

REF: ATHENS 2635, CAIRO 3462

1. WEEKEND ATHENS PRESS REPORTED WIDELY BITSIOS' MIDDLE EAST VISIT, PUBLISHING FULL TEXT OF JOINT CAIRO/ATHENS COMMUNIQUE (SUBSTANCE OF WHICH ALREADY REPORTED IN REFTELS) AND HIGHLIGHTS OF BITSIOS APRIL 4-5 VISIT IN BEIRUT.

2. UPON RETURN TO ATHENS APRIL 5, BITSIOS SAID AT AIRPORT THAT THE "MOST FRIENDLY FEELINGS" FOR GREECE HAD BEEN EXPRESSED BOTH IN CAIRO AND BEIRUT AND "I ASCERTAINED AN IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON THE TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS CONCERNING US, NAMELY THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE CYPRUS ISSUES." LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TAKLA WAS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION IN BEIRUT FOR "GREECE'S FRIENDLY ATTITUDE OF CONDEMNING ISRAELI ATTACKS ON LEBANON AND SUPPORTING THE JUST
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CAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE". THE LEBANESE VISIT OF BITSIOS,

ACCORDING TO LOCAL STORIES, DWELT PRIMARILY AND INCONCLUSIVELY
ON MINOR MATTERS TREATING EXTRADITION, RENEWAL OF RESIDENCE
AND LABOR PERMITS BY GREEK RESIDENTS IN LEBANON, AND
COOPERATION IN TOURISM.
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